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Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

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Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

The Special Committee,

Recalling that the year 2000 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988, by which the Assembly declared the period 1990-2000 as the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and further recalling resolution 46/181 of 19 December 1991, by which the Assembly adopted a plan of action for the Decade,

Bearing in mind the related recommendations of the Thirteenth Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cartagena, Colombia, on 8 and 9 April 2000,[1] which proposed, *inter alia*, the declaration of a new decade for the elimination of colonialism, and which supported the effective implementation of the related plan of action,

Bearing in mind also the endorsement of the proposed declaration of a new decade for the eradication of colonialism by the participants in the Pacific regional seminar organized by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to review the political, economic and social conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, held at Majuro, Marshall Islands, from 16 to 18 May 2000,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 54/90 A of 6 December 1999, in which the Assembly noted with concern that the plan of action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism cannot be concluded by the year 2000,

[1] To be issued in A/54/917-S/2000/580.

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Guided by the fundamental and universal principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[2] and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,[3]

Having examined the relevant reports of the Secretary-General concerning the implementation of the plan of action of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism,

Taking into account the important contribution of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, in particular through the Special Committee,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly declare the period 2001-2010 the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to redouble their efforts to implement the plan of action, as contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 December 1991,[4] updated where necessary, to serve as the plan of action for the Second Decade;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to fully cooperate with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to develop a constructive programme of work on a case-by-case basis for the Non-Self-Governing Territories to facilitate the implementation of the mandate of the Special Committee and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations on decolonization, including resolutions on specific territories;

4. *Invites* Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to actively support and participate in the implementation of the plan of action during the Second Decade;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for the successful implementation of the plan of action;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] Resolution 217 A (III).

[3] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[4] A/46/634/Rev.1.